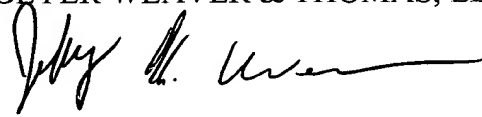


**REMARKS**

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey K. Weaver', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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